# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

SEAN BREWER and JANET BREWER,	)
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Plaintiffs,	) CIV-24-221-JAR
vs.	) (Removed from the District Court
	) Seminole County, Oklahoma
ENERFIN RESOURCES I LP, dba	) Case No. CJ-2023-57)
ENERFIN RESOURCES COMPANY,	)
A Texas Limited Partnership,	)
•	)
Defendant.	)

#### **MOTION TO REMAND**

COME now the PLAINTIFFS and move the Court for an order remanding this lawsuit to the Seminole County District Court of Oklahoma because the Defendant's Notice of Removal, ("NOR") attached as Exhibit 1, was not timely. Defendant possessed all information necessary for timely removal on June 5, 2023. Timely removal is a necessary prerequisite to this Court's diversity jurisdiction and therefore this action should be remanded.

#### **FACTS REQUIRING REMAND:**

- 1. The Plaintiffs filed their PETITION in the District Court of Seminole County on May 26. 2023. Exhibit 1 attached to Defendant's NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
- 2. The May 26 PETITION sued for an amount in excess of the diversity jurisdiction of the United States District Courts and additionally requested costs, attorney fees, interest, and other relief, including punitive damages.
- 3. Defendant's Counsel knew, or had reason to know, that the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000.00.

- 4. On May 26, 2023, and before, Defendant and Defendant's counsel knew, or had reason to know, that Plaintiffs were residents of Seminole County, Oklahoma. The damages sued for occurred on land situated in Seminole County, Oklahoma. Defendant conducts substantial business in Seminole County, Oklahoma and has one of it's main offices located in the City of Seminole. Defendant was served with Summons on June 5, 2023, over a year ago.
- 5. Defendant avers that the NOR was timely filed within thirty days of when it first ascertained that the action was removable. Plaintiffs deny and request proof of timely notice.
- 6. The NOR was filed June 27, 2024, which is over a year after ascertaining the information necessary that the action was removable.

#### ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITIES

Presumption against removal jurisdiction: It is well established that the party invoking federal jurisdiction bears the burden of establishing such jurisdiction as a threshold matter. *Radil v. Sanborn W. Camps, Inc.* 384 F.3d 1220, 1224 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.2004).

The removal statutes are strictly construed, and ambiguities should be resolved in favor of remand. See *Shamrock Oil & Gas v. Sheets*, 313 U.S. 100, 108-09 (1941); *Fajen v. Found Reserve Ins. Co.*, 683 F.2d 331, 333 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.1982). In fact, there is a presumption against removal jurisdiction, and doubtful cases must be resolved in favor of remand. *Laughlin v. Kmart Corp.*, 50 F3d 871, 873 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir.1995). The removing party has the burden to show that diversity jurisdiction exists and that the removal is timely. See, e.g. *Smith v. Union Nat. Life Ins. Co.*, 187 F.Supp.2d 635, 638-639 (S.D.Miss. 2001), citing *Albonetti v. GAF Corporation-Chemical Group*, 520 F.Supp. 825, 827 (S.D.Tex.1981).

30 Days Allowed to File Notice of Removal: Defendant is required to remove within thirty days of receipt of a copy of "other papers" from which it may first be ascertained that the case is one which is or has become removable." 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(b)(3).

The Amount in Controversy: Defendant's NOR admits that the amount in controversy is over \$75,000.00. Defendant further alleges in it's NOR that "This Notice of Removal" is filed within 30 days of Enerfin's receipt of "other paper" notifying Enerfin that the case has become removable. Plaintiffs contend that Enerfin knew that the amount in controversy exceeded \$75,000.00 for almost a year.

Diversity of Citizenship: Defendant knew long before Plaintiffs' PETITION was filed on May 26, 2023, that they were citizens of Seminole County, Oklahoma. Defendant's agents, servants, and employees, met with Plaintiffs, knew where they lived, and knew for over a year that they were Oklahoma residents.

#### CONCLUSION

The 30 day period for Defendant to remove Plaintiffs' lawsuit from state court to this Court expired on July 5, 2023. Defendant's NOR filed on June 27, 2024 is not timely. This action should be remanded to the Seminole County District Court. The Court's order of remand should include an award to Plaintiffs if its expenses, including attorney's fees.

Richard E. Butner, OBA #1385 Rhett Butner, OBA #22514

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, RICHARD E. BUTNER, hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, I caused this document to be electronically transmitted to the Clerk of Court using the ECF System for filing.

Based on the records currently on file, the Clerk of Court will transmit a Notice of Electronic Filing to the folling ECF registrants: Mike Brady and Jay Dobson, Attorneys for Defendant.

Richard E. Butner, OBA #1385

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VS.

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Defendant.

CASE NO. CIV-24-221-JAR

(Removed from the District Court of Seminole County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2023-57)

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant, Enerfin Resources I Limited Partnership ("Enerfin"), removes the above-captioned action from the District Court of Seminole County, State of Oklahoma to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446. The grounds for removal are as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs Sean Brewer and Janet Brewer commenced this action entitled Sean Brewer and Janet Brewer vs. Enerfin Resources I Limited Partnership, d/b/a Enerfin Resources Company, Case No. CJ-2023-501, in the District Court of Seminole County, State of Oklahoma (the "Action) by filing their Petition on May 26, 2023. Ex. 1.
- 2. Plaintiffs served the Petition and Summons on Enerfin by certified mail on June 5, 2023. Ex. 2.
- 3. The Petition is attached as Exhibit 1. The Service of Process Transmittal is attached as Exhibit 2. The Summons served on Enerfin is attached as Exhibit 3. Enerfin's Entry of Appearance and Reservation of Time is attached as Exhibit 4. Enerfin's Answer is attached as Exhibit 5. The state court docket sheet and all additional documents filed and served in the case

are attached as Exhibit 6. Enerfin is unaware of the existence of any additional process, pleadings, or orders. Further, Enerfin is unaware of any motions pending before the Seminole County District Court in this matter, other than the motion attached at Ex 6-A.

4. As set forth more fully below, this case is properly removed to this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446 because Enerfin has satisfied the procedural requirements for removal and the Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

#### I. Removal is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

5. The Court has diversity jurisdiction under 27 U.S.C. § 1332(a). This is a civil action where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiffs and Enerfin. Enerfin may therefore remove this Action under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

#### A. Complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiffs and Enerfin.

- 6. Enerfin is a foreign limited partnership organized under the laws of Texas. Enerfin's principal place of business is in Houston, Texas. For purposes of diversity jurisdiction under § 1332(a), Enerfin is deemed to be a citizen of Texas. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).
- 7. Plaintiffs are Oklahoma residents residing in Seminole County, Oklahoma. Plaintiffs are deemed to be Oklahoma citizens for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
- 8. Because Plaintiffs are citizens of Oklahoma and Enerfin is a citizen of Texas, complete diversity exists.

#### B. The amount-in-controversy requirement is satisfied.

9. The amount-in controversy requirement for diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C.§ 1332 is satisfied because Plaintiffs seek damages in excess of \$75,000.00.

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II. Enerfin has satisfied the procedural requirements for removal.

10. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3), a notice of removal may be filed within 30 days

after defendant's receipt, through service or otherwise, of a copy of an amended pleading, motion,

order or other paper from which it may first be ascertained that the case is one which is or has

become removable. This Notice of Removal is filed within 30 days of Enerfin's receipt of "other

paper" notifying Enerfin that the case has become removable.

11. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiffs and

filed with the clerk of the District Court for Seminole County promptly after filing this notice of

removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

III. Conclusion.

12. For these reasons, Enerfin Resources Limited Partnership hereby removes this

action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma in accordance with

28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446. Enerfin respectfully requests the Court assume jurisdiction

over this action and that all further proceedings in the District Court for Seminole County,

Oklahoma be stayed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sean-Michael Brady

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT ENERFIN RESOURCES I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on June 27, 2024, I electronically transmitted the foregoing document to the Court Clerk using the ECF system for electronic filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following EFC registrants:

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- 2. THAT at all times mentioned herein, DEFENDANT, ENERFIN RESOURCES I LP, was and still is, a Texas Limited Partnership.
- 3. THAT DEFENDANT claims that it has a pipeline easement over and across
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Sean Brewer, Plaintiff

Janet Brewer, Plaintiff

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Phone: (888) 705-RASi (7274)

#### SERVICE OF PROCESS RECEIPT

2023-06-05

Thomas M. Imre
ENERFIN RESOURCES I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
1001 South Dairy Ashford RD.
Suite 220
Houston, TX 77077 USA

#### NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This notice and the information it contains are intended to be a confidential communication only to the individual and/or entity to whom it is addressed. If you have received this notice in error, immediately call our SOP Department at (888) 705-7274.

#### RE: ENERFIN RESOURCES I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

This receipt is to inform you that Registered Agent Solutions, Inc. has received a Service of Process on behalf of the above-referenced entity as your registered agent and is hereby forwarding the attached document(s) for your immediate review. A summary of the service is shown below; however, it is important that you review the attached document(s) in their entirety for complete and detailed information.

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#### CASE INFORMATION

Case Number: File Date: CJ-2023-57 05/26/2023

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Jurisdiction: Case Title: OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY SEAN BREWER, ET AL VS. ENERFIN RESOURCES I LP. ET AL

#### AGENCY / PLAINTIFF INFORMATION

Firm/Issuing Agent: Attorney/Contact:

BUTNER & BUTNER RICHARD E. BUTNER

Location: Telephone No.:

Oklahoma 405-257-6254

#### DOCUMENT(S) RECEIVED & ATTACHED

Summons Affidavit / Certification Petition:

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

Questions or Comments... Should you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact the SOP Department at (888) 705-7274.

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#### RETURN OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, RICHARD E. BUTNER, Attorney for Plaintiffs, after being duly sworn upon my oath, state as follows, to-wit:

THAT I CAUSED A COPY OF THE PETITION AND SUMMONS TO BE SERVED UPON THE DEFENDANT as evidenced by the ATTACHED RECEIPTS. THAT DEFENDANT'S SERVICE AGENT signed for and received the SUMMONS and PETITION on June 5, 2023 as evidenced herein.

THAT ATTACHED IS THE "GREEN CARD" receipt and CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT.

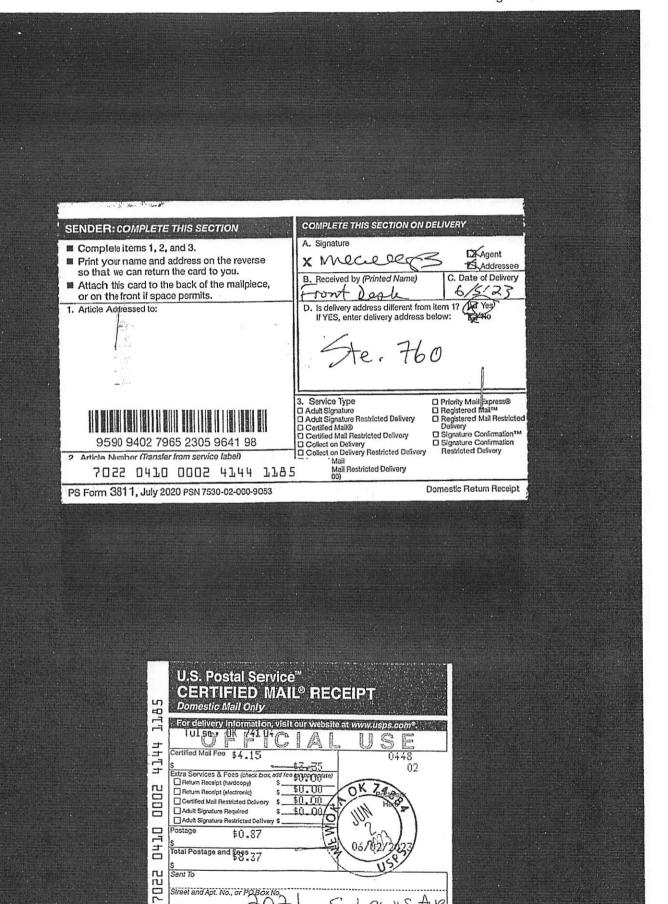
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $20^{th}$  day of June, 2023.

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## ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND RESERVATION OF TIME

Jay W. Dobson and Sean-Michael Brady enter their appearances as counsel for Defendant Enerfin Resources LLP d/b/a Enerfin Resources Company in the above-captioned matter, reserving an additional twenty days in which to answer or further plead. The undersigned further consent to the service of all filings in this case via email to the following email addresses: <a href="mailto:idobson@eliasbooks.com">idobson@eliasbooks.com</a>, <a href="mailto:mbrady@eliasbooks.com">mbrady@eliasbooks.com</a>, and <a href="mailto:ktrowbridge@eliasbooks.com">ktrowbridge@eliasbooks.com</a>; provided, all filings must be sent to each listed email address in order to effectuate valid service.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on June 23, 2023, I caused to be emailed and mailed by U. S. Mail, postage fully prepaid thereon, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the following counsel of record:

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VS.

#### DEFENDANT ENERFIN RESOURCES I LIMITED PARTNERSHIP'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' PETITION

Defendant Enerfin Resources I Limited Partnership ("Enerfin"), for its Answer to the Petition filed by Plaintiffs Sean Brewer and Janet Brewer (collectively "Plaintiffs") denies each and every material allegation and demands strict proof thereof, except as specifically admitted below. For further answer and utilizing the same paragraph numbering as utilized in Plaintiffs' Petition, Enerfin alleges and states as follows:

- 1. Admitted.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. Enerfin admits it operates a pipeline traversing beneath Plaintiffs' real property and that same is operated pursuant to Enerfin's easement rights in and to the land. Enerfin denics all remaining allegations contained within Paragraph 3.
  - 4. Denied.
  - 5. Denied.
  - 6. Denied.
  - 7. Denied.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

In addition to the denials set forth above, Enerfin asserts the following defenses, some of which may be affirmative defenses, to Plaintiffs' claims. These defenses do not constitute admissions and are not meant to relieve Plaintiffs of the full burden of proving each and every element of their claims. By listing the following additional defenses, Enerfin does not admit that it bears the burden of proof in establishing any of the following defenses.

- 1. Enerfin has conducted its activities at all times in accordance with the easement, applicable laws, industry standards, practices, customs, and usage.
  - 2. Enerfin acted in compliance with state federal laws, rules and regulations.
- 3. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by contributory negligence and/or comparative negligence.
- 4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of payment and/or setoff.
  - 5. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by accord and satisfaction.
- 6. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations.
- 7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by failure to join all necessary and indispensable parties.
- 8. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by waiver of consent and/or acquiescence.
- 9. Enerfin reserves the right to amend and assert such additional defenses as may be appropriate when further information is obtained through formal discovery.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendant Enerfin Resources I Limited Partnership, respectfully requests the Court find that Enerfin has no liability to Plaintiffs, deny Plaintiffs' request for relief, and find that Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their Petition against Enerfin. Enerfin further requests that the Court award Enerfin its respective costs and fees in this action, including a reasonable attorney fee, and such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Defendant's Answer to the Petition was mailed this 17th day of July 2023, by depositing it in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

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## IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

No. CJ-2023-00057

(Civil relief more than \$10,000: DAMAGES)

BREWER, SEAN et al VS. ENERFIN RESOURCES COMPANY

Filed: 05/26/2023

Judge: OLSEN, THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY

#### **PARTIES**

BREWER, SEAN, Plaintiff
BREWER, JANET, Plaintiff
ENERFIN RESOURCES COMPANY, Defendant

## **ATTORNEYS**

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**Represented Parties** 

#### **EVENTS**

None

#### **ISSUES**

1. DAMAGES

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# IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA SEMINOLE COUNTY OKLAHOMA IN DISTRICT COURT

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SEAN BREWER and JANET BREWER,

Plaintiffs,

CJ-2023-57

VS.

ENERFIN RESOURCES I LP, dba ENERFIN RESOURCES COMPANY, A Texas Limited Partnership,

Defendant.

## MOTION TO SCHEDULE

COME now the PLAINTIFFS, SEAN BREWER and JANET BREWER, and for their MOTION TO SCHEDULE, show to this Honorable Court as follows, to-wit:

- THAT Plaintiffs filed their PETITION herein on May 26, 2023 praying for damages.
- 2. THAT Defendant filed its ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' PETITION on July 17, 2023 and the case is now "at issue."

WHEREFORE, premises considered, PLAINTIFFS pray that the captioned case be set for a SCHEDULING CONFERENCE and upon hearing this MOTION TO SCHEDULE that a SCHEDULING ORDER be entered, and for such other and further relief proper in the premises.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: I, RICHARD E. BUTNER, hereby certify that on this 16th day of January, 2024, I mailed, with sufficient postgage prepaid thereon, a true and correct copy of the above MOTION TO SCHEDULE to Defendant's Attorney, Jay W. Dobson, Two Leadership Square, Suite 1300, 211 N. Robinson Avenue, OKC, OK 73102-7114.

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